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Arts and Culture Festival a huge success

FESTIVAL goers in Milton Keynes were wowed by dance duo Signature at the Arts and Culture Festival.

Their unique style mixes Bhangra with Michael Jackson's iconic moves and they impressed the audience on Sunday just as it did in their Britian's Got Talent auditions in 2008.

For the full story turn to page 25.

Loving it: The festival crowd

Britain's Got Talent runners-up Signature on stage at the festival

Football fans march in memory of fateful roofer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN AND ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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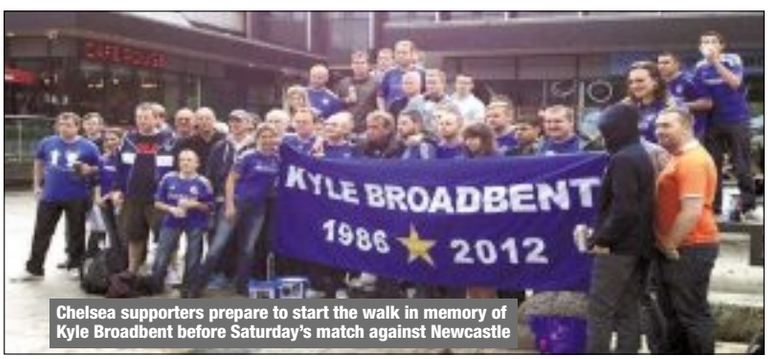
GRIEVING friends took to the streets in memory of a young man who died in a tragic accident.

Twenty five-year-old Kyle Broadbent, of Favell Drive in Furzton, fell through the roof of a property while working for his dad's roofing company on August 18.

In honour of the dedicated Chelsea FC fan his friend, Ed Sokolowski, organised a walk between Euston Station and the Prince of Wales pub – close to Chelsea's home ground, Stamford Bridge. Mr Broadbent's father, Tony Broadbent, took part in the emotional two hour walk on Saturday which took place before the home game against Newcastle.

In a tribute sent to MK NEWS Mr Sokolowski said: 'Kyle Broadbent, a lifelong Chelsea fan with his father, were regulars at home, away and European matches and hugely popular amongst the large community of Chelsea fans. Kyle's presence, particularly at European away matches which he adored, left a huge mark on everyone he met.

'His friendship, humour, personality and good nature was a credit to the club he loved, and it's a great shame to all that Kyle's contributions were cut tragically short.'



Chelsea supporters prepare to start the walk in memory of Kyle Broadbent before Saturday's match against Newcastle

Mr Broadbent worked three jobs so he could afford to see his beloved team in action.

Over the last couple of years Mr Broadbent and his friends would walk from Euston to Stamford Bridge for the first home game of the season.

Just under 100 people took part in the fitting tribute and some had flown in from Ireland and Germany.

A giant banner dedicated to Mr Broadbent was hung on the Matthew Harding stand during the game and a touching piece in the programme featured a photo of the loyal fan with the former Chelsea player Denis Wise.

A page has also been set up on the Chelsea Supporters Group website where Mr Broadbent's mum, Josephine McLaughlin, paid tribute to her son.

Kyle with Chelsea hero Dennis Wise

She wrote: 'I cannot believe that my wonderful, funny, loving son is gone. I appreciate what the Chelsea fans are doing as I know Kyle would be very happy with this. Myself and his sister Juliette are totally heartbroken but we will never forget our Kyle.'

The inquest into Mr Broadbent's death opened on August 22 and was adjourned until April 26.

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Killer to sue Prison Service for 'breach of human rights' claim

A CONVICTED killer plans to sue the Prison Service for an alleged breach of his human rights.

Kevan Thakrar, 24, is currently serving three life sentences at HMP Woodhill Prison in the West of Milton Keynes for killing three drugs dealers.

He has complained about 'excessive searches' by prison guards and is taking action under the European Convention on Human Rights.

The murderer also claims his rights are being breached in relation to privileged correspondence with lawyers, his private use of telephones and prison visits with his legal team.

High Court judge Mr Justice Cooke, sitting at Manchester, heard he was unhappy with policies involving his private telephone use.

If he wins, he will be able to sue the authorities for damages.

Thakrar, from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, was jailed along with his brother Miran for the gangland-style execution of Keith Cowell, 52, his son Matthew, 17, and Tony Dulieu, 33, from Essex.

He must serve a minimum of 35 years before parole can be considered.

Thakrar was cleared of two counts of attempted murder and three counts of wounding with intent after an incident at Frankland Prison in County Durham last November.

He admitted lashing out with a broken bottle and injuring three prison guards but the jury agreed he acted in self-defence in a 'pre-emptive strike' after suffering years of alleged racist bullying.

A two-day trial to hear Thakrar's human rights case is set to start on 11 October.

The 'demonstration'

Point campaign boosted by music video

A MUSIC video which depicts a large demonstration outside The Point has been released to try to encourage people to back the campaign to save the landmark.

As reported by MK NEWS in June, former security guard at the building Jason Lawrence, otherwise known as J4SON, penned a rap called No Point.

Now a video to accompany the song has been released.

In it, J4SON addresses demonstrators fully-clad in red clothing and kitted out with placards to tell them 'there's no point in taking The Point'.

The video also features this paper's Protect The Point campaign and asks viewers to sign the petition on our website.

Jason said: "I believe the video will get people motivated to join the campaign, especially

seeing me in that light, wearing a suit which I don't do very often.

"It will prompt people to do what they need to do - things that need to be done to stop them taking away The Point."

Building owner Hammerson is planning to demolish the iconic red pyramid to make way for retail units.

To sign our petition look for the link on www.mk-news.co.uk, and to see the video search No Point (Campaign Song) on YouTube.

BLETCHLEY LANDFILL
Renewable Energy Facility Proposals
FCC Environment

FCC Environment is seeking feedback on renewable energy proposals at its Bletchley landfill site.

CROP-BASED ANAEROBIC DIGESTION (AD) FACILITY

The proposed AD facility would use locally grown energy crops (such as maize) to provide clean, green heat and power for FCC Environment's Bletchley-based operations, as well as a self-sufficient supply of organic fertiliser that would be used for the ongoing restoration of areas of the landfill.

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To generate further renewable energy onsite, a wind turbine is proposed with a maximum height of 90m to the tip of the blades. The turbine would produce enough low carbon electricity to power the equivalent of around 300 homes each year. It would also be eligible for the Government's Feed-in Tariff scheme, launched in 2010 to increase the uptake of small and medium scale renewable energy generation.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Members of the local community and other interested parties are invited to the following public exhibition:

Date: Thursday 6 September 2012
Place: Lakes Estate Community Centre, Fern Grove, Lakes Estate, Bletchley, MK2 3QF
Time: 2 – 8pm

Representatives from the project team will be on hand to discuss the proposals and listen to your feedback.

For further information about the public exhibition please contact Rachel Ashby on 01295 279626 or email rachel.ashby@proteuspr.co.uk

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Family meets African child they have sponsored for last decade

A TEACHER has recently returned from a trip to Zimbabwe where she met up with the two children she and her family sponsor through an MK-based international children's charity.

Samantha Turvey, who works at Southwood School in Conniburrow, made the 5,000-mile journey with husband Ian and her 15-year-old son Saul.

Saul was keen to visit during his summer holiday so he could learn more about Prescilla, who the family have sponsored through Fox Milne-based World Vision for ten years.

Prescilla is also 15 and lives in the north of the country with her family, including her younger sister Precious, who the Turveys also sponsor.

Saul said: "Prescilla's life is different in every way to mine. Her home is a collection of small huts instead of a house and she has never experienced electricity or running water.

"I've come home from Zimbabwe with lots of amazing memories and a better understanding of poverty."

The family also saw projects that World Vision supports including a health clinic and a community garden, which pays for 20 vulnerable children to go to school.

You can read more about the family's visit to Zimbabwe on the World Vision blog site http://blog.worldvision.org.uk/.

INNOVATIVE: The yobs built a rain shelter with fence panels

Fence wrecked by vandals for shelter

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CHEEKY vandals turned a £3,000 council fence into a shelter from the rain – complete with a front door.

And the innovative handywork, which was the second attack on the barrier, has forced Milton Keynes Council (MKC) to take it down less than two weeks after it was put up.

Around ten days ago the authority erected the fence around the Heronsgate skatepark, on Lichfield Down in Walnut Tree, to act as a noise buffer after some residents complained about rowdy users.

The fence was first damaged on August 20, when panels were pulled down, prompting a team of council workers to fix it on Thursday.

But then over the wet bank holiday weekend vandals used the newly-rebuilt sound guard to construct a shack to hide from the showers.

One resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: "It doesn't surprise me – the weather was pouring rain.

"Is it very smart kids who have done this, or just mindless vandals? I don't know.

"Since the skate ramp has been in it's been a noise issue, but not just that – it's also litter and late nights. It's just getting out of control."

The council confirmed it took the fence down after the attacks, and it is now looking at a permanent solution to the noise.

After the initial vandalism, ward councillor Lee Barney said: "I'm shocked and disgusted someone's gone there and kicked out panels – it's mindless. It certainly doesn't help the cause of the youths that use the park and who are innocent in this. It's just shameless."

The skatepark is the second in the city to be facing measures to control noise, after opening-time restrictions were imposed on the Broughton Gate park following complaints.

Council tells residents: 'It's business as usual'

MILTON Keynes Council has insisted services will not be interrupted following problems at its private sector partner.

On Saturday, Mouchel Group plc went into administration, with its listing on the London Stock Exchange being cancelled.

But then on Monday, just two days later, Mouchel announced newly-incorporated company MRBL ltd acquired the business from administrators KPMG, securing 8,000 jobs.

Milton Keynes Council has a contract with subsidiary Mouchel Business Services ltd, which currently provides a number of services, including back office functions. Only last week the council announced it is looking into a restructure of that contract in order to save money, which would include a transfer of staff and services.

Now it has moved to reassure residents they will not be affected by the changes at the company.

A spokesman said: "Everything continues 'business as usual'."

Girl, 9, taken to hospital after being hit by pellet

A NINE-year-old girl was hit by a stray BB gun pellet fired by two teenagers.

At about 4.30pm on Friday, August 17, the girl was walking along Lincoln in Stantonbury when the two boys fired a BB gun at the ground.

The pellet bounced up and hit the victim in the face.

She was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital to be checked over but was discharged and has no permanent damage from the injury.

There is no description of the boys, other than that they were teenagers and bare-chested.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or saw the boys in the area should contact PC Robert Burton via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Leisure complex issues need some clarification

SIR - Regarding your article 'Leisure centre plan under fire' (MK NEWS, August 15), firstly, the city isn't set to lose another leisure facility at all.

The Stratfield Park leisure complex has always been in the private ownership of 84 residents of Great Holm since 1986 and has never been open to the public at large.

Indeed, the facilities available there are far too limiting for a wider membership.

The development formed part of an investment made by the owners (some of the original occupants of Great Holm) who have paid monthly (some for 25 years) to maintain it and enjoy its facilities. They now wish to realise that investment and have a right to do so.

Objections to such a new development should be anticipated by those living close to the site and Stratfield Park Leisure Limited (SPLL) has no argument with those residents whom have sought to do so.

Close inspection of the proposal does however show a very sympathetic scheme.

What cannot be allowed to go unchallenged however are the grossly inaccurate comments made by the chairman of the parish council Mr Todd concerning the proposed development.

Your article states that Mr Todd asserts that the land is 'allocated' to the community as a sports facility in the local plan.

This is not true.

The land is 'designated' on the local plan as 'for community use', meaning it could have been used as a health centre, a church or even a scout hut etc.

Prior to placing the site up for sale, representatives of SPLL sought advice from the MK Planning Department regarding a future change in use from this designation.

Upon the advice of the planning authorities, the site was marketed for sale as a going concern as requested for a period of six months, during which there were no credible offers.

This sale was fully signposted. Mr Todd contends that the parish council was never approached to buy the site, even though several members of the parish council are also members of SPLL.

The plain fact is that, as previously mentioned, the facilities of the leisure centre are extremely limited and cannot accommodate more than the original planned ownership.

Being a privately-owned concern, had the parish council sought to pay the market price for the site (with taxpayers' money) a significant further amount of money, many times more than the council's annual budget would be required to bring the facilities up to public and/or commercial standards.

Graham Sherwood
Sent by e-mail

West Coast franchise deal should be revisited

SIR - It is outrageous on the part of the present Government to strip Virgin of its franchise to run services on the West Coast Mainline.

As a regular user of Virgin trains from Milton Keynes to Manchester and Birmingham, I found the service is exceptionally good.

There were occasions where there were delays due to signal failure or due to fatality, and the train operator cannot be blamed. It is left to Network Rail to make sure that that signals are working properly.

It is debatable whether FirstGroup will be able to provide better service than Virgin with cheaper fares.

Since FirstGroup is paying more than Virgin for the franchise, train fares are bound to increase.

More than 100,000 people have already signed a petition urging the Government to reconsider the decision to delay the signing of the contract for FirstDirect.

There should be an independent audit of the £10billion deal.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

New Tesco may simply replicate existing store

SIR - In response to Ann Denton's letter 'No problem with the plan for a new Tesco' (MK NEWS, August 15), I completely disagree.

The council did act in the best interests of the local people by opposing the new Tesco store.

I too am a resident and if I need to go to Tesco there is one a short drive away in Kingston.

Not that the Co-op doesn't adequately provide groceries to the community.

What more could a new Tesco bring besides a step towards a ubiquitous High Street?

The site of the old Zen restaurant would be better used by an independent local unique store – rather than another version of something we already have.

Claire Pearson
Woburn Sands

Many thanks to those who raised charity cash

SIR - My grateful thanks to the good folk of Milton Keynes who helped Berks, Bucks and Oxon Freemasons to raise more than £42,000 to help disabled children.

The cash was generated by a family fun day in Henley attended by many members of the eight lodges and three chapters at the Masonic Centre in Queensway, Bletchley. My own group – the Widow's Sons Masonic Bikers – raised around £600 as we sped around Buckinghamshire's roads in convoy.

The vital cash will go to the Chiltern Centre in Henley, which provides respite support and other assistance to disabled children and their families throughout the Thames Valley, many of whom live in the Milton Keynes area.

So thanks to everyone who helped to prove that our masonic values of friendship, decency, and charity are just as relevant today as ever, despite – or, perhaps, because of – the recession.

Roger Harding
The Masonic Centre Beaconsfield

MK News paint aid was brilliant for youth club

SIR - Last week's MK NEWS reported that your paper helped with the renovation of a youth club in Springfield ('MK NEWS to the rescue to get club painted', August 22).

I would just like to say how refreshing it is to hear that our local paper takes a real interest in the community. Nominating the club for free paint might not seem like much but I'm sure it meant a lot to the youth workers and children who use the youth club. The closure of this club has been a real loss to the community and I'm glad that with your help it can re-open in the near future.

I was shocked to discover that the club had been seriously damaged by an arson attack but at least we know that in times of trouble MK NEWS is there to do all that it can to get things back on track.

Jason Glaze
Sent by e-mail

MPs' Monthly Focus

Put your questions this time to Iain Stewart

PC LEE Smith runs the West Bletchley Boxing club. The club aims to tackle antisocial behavior and improve relations between the police and the community by teaching youngsters the discipline and respect integral to boxing. This week, PC Smith puts his questions to Iain Stewart MP.

What impact do you think a local boxing club like ours can make in the community?
IS: Local sports clubs like this play a hugely valuable role in giving young people the right opportunities. It has been about a year since the terrible riots in London and other towns and cities.
That taught us that we need youngsters to have good mentors and role models like Lee.
This helps young people focus their energies and drive through the healthy physical activities.
Through this project young men are able to learn important life skills like discipline, team working and respect, all of which will serve them well in life.
I believe the structure and focus that the club's activities provide could help some of the young people eventually become Olympic champions if they work hard at it.

Do you know the best place for small clubs to find additional funding?
IS: The best place to look for additional sources of revenue is a website called Funding Central, which is run by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and funded by the Cabinet Office.
Also, as part of the Olympic legacy, there is a total fund of £20million available to boost grassroots sports clubs. I am sure that Sports England, which administers the funding, would be happy to consider any applications that sports clubs like West Bletchley Boxing Club submit.Often when I meet businesses during constituency visits, they inform me of their desire to invest in a local project which benefits Milton Keynes.
I believe that West Bletchley Boxing club is such a project that local businesses should consider supporting.

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Sadie Scott, left, and Catherine Warren from McIntyre MK get in the mood for their trip

Charity fundraisers to tame Africa's tallest mountain

TWO courageous women are taking on an almighty task to help the city charity they work for.

Catherine Warren and Sadie Scott are raising money for MacIntyre by trekking to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa's highest peak.

The charity supports more than 170 city adults with learning disabilities from their base in Great Holm, which is currently being refurbished.

Every penny they raise will go towards this project, which has the aim of bringing the facility up to 21st century standards.

Catherine, the area manager for MK and Sadie, head of service for the coffee shops and catering, are now both in serious training for their journey to the top of the 5895-metre high summit.

"This will be the most physically challenging week of our lives but we are determined to do it," Catherine said.

"Although the charity is funding the redevelopment programme, we need money to equip the building and provide the facilities needed."

You can add to the fundraising efforts by visiting www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/CatherineandSadie

Violent dad waits to be sentenced

BY ANNA MAREMOOTO

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A VIOLENT drunkard chased his family down the street as they tried to escape his wrath.

The man from Newport Pagnell, who can't be named to protect the identities of his daughters, had drank up to three litres of cider on the morning of January 29.

This caused an argument to erupt between him and his wife which eventually turned physical.

The aggressive man hit his wife in the face and then punched his eldest daughter in the neck when she tried to break the fight up.

He denied this allegation and said: "If I'd punched my wife or my daughters it would have left a mark, I've punched people in the past and it's left a mark."

Their younger daughter was woken by screaming and found her father restraining her mother and sister.

She then punched him causing him to fall to the floor at which point the mother pinned him down so her daughters could escape.

The self-confessed alcoholic would not let his wife have the car keys because he feared that his family would run away and he would never see them again.

The victims then made off by foot and were followed by the defendant.

Both the wife and the eldest daughter gave evidence at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Wednesday which conflicted with their original statements.

The daughter said she had exaggerated in her police statement to get her dad out of the house.

District Judge Matthews explained that the family is now trying to 'get back on track' and were in court under duress.

She ruled that the victims' original accounts were true and they had since 'had a change of heart'.

She said: "I wasn't born yesterday and I can clearly see what's going on here."

The defendant was found guilty of three counts of assault and will be sentenced at Milton Keynes Magistrate's Court on September 17.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Fire station to hold open day

OLNEY Fire Station will be holding its open day between 1-4pm on Saturday. Firefighters will pass on safety messages, as well as holding displays and attractions. Money raised will be donated to The Fire Fighters Charity.

Pub decision day is looming

TOMORROW night Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council is set to decide whether it will be purchasing a local pub. As first reported by MK NEWS, the council is considering buying The Queen Victoria on Church Street and running it as a community cafe.

For the decision see www.mk-news.co.uk on Friday.

Codebreaking site in race to raise funds to restore Hut 11a

BLETCHLEY Park is launching a new fundraising campaign to restore Hut 11a, which was purpose built to house Bombes.

Bletchley Park is in a race against time to find funding to restore this hut alongside the other Lottery funded building works, ready for the park's re-launch in 2014.

Phoenix is the name given by Bletchley Park veterans to the Turing Bombe Rebuild which opened as a major visitor attraction on site in 2007. It is currently housed in Block B alongside the Enigma and Turing Exhibitions. However, its popularity with visitors means a bigger home needs to be found to explain the story to a new generation.

Hut 11a has recently become available and the plan is to restore it as a location for a redeveloped interpretation of the reconstructed Bombe machine, and its relationship to Enigma in the decryption process.

The cost of restoring Hut 11a will be £250,000.

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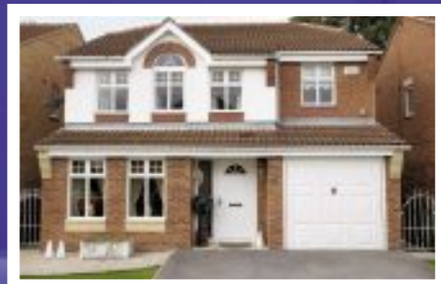

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Moneyman: James Frayne looking to set up an MK Currency

MK could cash in on local currency

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MANY ideas for a proper tribute to the city's Olympic hero Greg Rutherford have been suggested – but what about featuring him on a banknote?

Or more specifically, a note that can only be used within the borders of Milton Keynes.

That's the brainchild of James Frayne, a long-time member of the International Banknote Society and advocate of a 'community currency'.

Already successfully being used around the UK and in countries such as Germany, USA, Canada and South Africa, shoppers can exchange national for community currency to be spent only in local registered shops and attractions. Mr Frayne says the benefits are huge.

"It would ensure the money stays within Milton Keynes," he said. "You could place adverts for local shops on the back of the notes, which would in turn pay for the printing of the notes.

"They could offer shoppers discounts if they use the community currency.

"It's something everyone can be involved in."

The currency works by shoppers exchanging their national currency for the Milton Keynes notes at dispatch points, with the Bank of England cash being kept in a secure account.

Mr Frayne envisages local landmarks featuring on the front of the 'money', but thinks it would be a fitting tribute if long-jump gold medallist Greg Rutherford were featured too.

He added: "It would instill local pride."

What do you think? Would a community currency work in Milton Keynes? E-mail letters@mk-news.co.uk or write to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU.

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COMMUNITY CURRENCY AREAS

Charity bonanza boost for parish council schemes

HUNDREDS of residents are set to benefit from an innovative scheme.

Organised by Great Linford Parish Council, local groups bid for funding from a £4,000 kitty as part of a Dragons' Den-style event.

Residents voted for the winners after groups bid with schemes ranging from a neighbourhood watch to a weekly coffee club for the Tamil community.

Top marks went to a plan to improve access for the elderly at Peartree Pond, a beauty spot in Great Linford cared for by volunteers. Residents of two nearby care homes and a sheltered housing scheme will benefit from te £1,500 granted for the installation of special seating for both wheelchairs and pushcairs, to the Peartree Pond Association.

Other winners were Pritchard Court Sheltered Housing, which won £200 to replace garden furniture stolen last year, the Great Linford Memorial Hall Trust which won £1,500 to buy new lighting and security equipment for the well-used hall, and the Great Linford Allotment Association which won £800 to create a community herb garden at the Community Orchard in Loriner Place, Downs Barn.

Gentleman's agreement up for model tenants

TIME is running out for a city community group to find a new home.

As reported by MK NEWS in June, the Milton Keynes Model Railway Society is having to move out of its current premises at Bletchley Park due to renovation work.

The club has been at the park for 18 years under a gentleman's agreement, and always knew it could one day have to move out.

And now it is facing a race against time, as it may have to 'destroy its assets' if a new premises cannot be found by December 1.

Chairman Dennis Lovett said: "We would like to thank the people who have already suggested alternative locations, which sadly have not been suitable.

"We have also looked at a number of commercial premises, but the costs are high and while we have some funding in place it is not sufficient to allow us to look at long-term leases.

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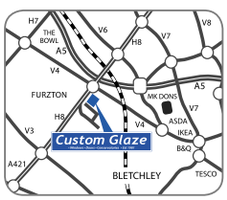

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Calls for rethink on rail franchise

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CONCERNS over who will be operating the train services through Milton Keynes have caused Parliamentary arguments and more than 150,000 people to speak out against the plans.

The Labour party has asked the Government to delay the signing of a new contract for the West Coast Mainline, which would see FirstGroup take over from Virgin in December.

Milton Keynes Parliamentary spokesman for Labour Andrew Pakes has warned the decision could result in more fare increases and possible cuts.

He said: "This is worrying news for the city coming hot on the heels of another announcement on big fare increases.

"The real problem is that the Government is using the new franchise to maximise returns for the Treasury rather than improve services. The West Coast Mainline is vital to Milton Keynes yet we could now see higher fares and fewer staff.

"We need to keep a close eye on this."

An e-petition to the Government to ask it to reconsider its decision on the franchise has now reached more than 150,000 signatures – only 100,000 are needed to trigger a discussion on whether there should be a debate in Parliament.

The chairman of the Transport Select Committee, Labour MP Louise Ellman, has also requested a delay in signing the contract so the group can 'explore the issues'.

Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart is a member of the committee.

He said: "What it boils down to is whether the bidding process was floored or not – I've not seen any evidence that it is.

"It may be that the FirstGroup bid was better.

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Police op cracks down on drivers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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IT was all action and no donuts when MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan took part in Operation Rampart.

Officers from Thames Valley Police, led by PC Matthew Waters, were cracking down on uninsured drivers and those with no tax or registered driver on the M1 Northbound Junction 14.

Like a scene from an action movie the operation on Thursday saw high-speed car chases as vehicles were identified and then tracked down by police.

With the help of members of the DVLA and Customs three vehicles were clamped, four received fixed penalties and a few serious lessons were taught to errant drivers.

PC Waters said: "There are 140,000 people on the M1 and we just want to catch one criminal. DVLA and Customs swarmed round each vehicle like hawks and were really good, researching the cars information immediately."

But not all of the bad guys could be caught because many drivers were slow to react to the police sirens meaning criminals were able to get away.

Customs officers checks diesel fuel from one of the vehicles stopped during the operation on M1

During the operation a van, possibly full of illegal cigarettes, was missed because a taxi driver stopped in the M1 fast lane.

PC Waters said: "People do the most bizarre things when followed. Many people panic when they see police cars waiting."

He hopes for more operations like this and more opportunities to work with the DVLA and Customs.

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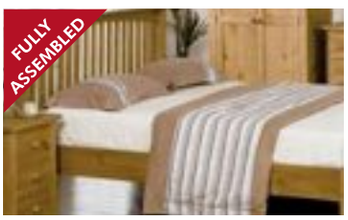

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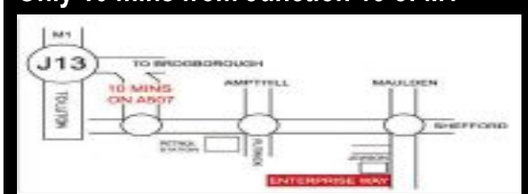

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Twins' double delight 'stuns' mum as exam schools shine

Some of the top students at Ousedale celebrate their GCSE exam results

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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GCSE students were jumping for joy across Milton Keynes as many school's topped last year's achievements.

Students from Denbigh, Ousedale, Oakgrove, Stantonbury Campus and Shenley Brook End all celebrated their best results ever.

An impressive 53 per cent of students at Stantonbury were awarded five or more qualifications and a set of twins found themselves in the top ten achievers.

Dominic and Niall Williamson-Scott achieved a total of three A* and ten A grades.

Their mother Julie Williamson said: "I was stunned. I was not expecting such good grades. They worked hard but I wasn't expecting so many top grades."

And they weren't the only twins in the city with reason to celebrate with Ben and Josh Myles from Shenley Brook End School gaining 26 A*-A grades between them.

Their head teacher, Glen Martin, said: "I am pleased for everyone that their hard work has been rewarded with these excellent results."

Despite national statistics showing a fall in GCSE results for the first time in its 24-year history, 92 per cent of students at Denbigh School achieved 5 or more A*-C grades.

Sarah Parker, head teacher, said: "The success of the students serves to underline Denbigh's continuing commitment to high quality teaching and learning."

A staggering 15 per cent of students at Ousedale School achieved eight or more A* or A grades including Laura Cowell who achieved ten A*s and three As.

Sue Carbert, head teacher, said: "I am incredibly proud of all our students, at both Newport Pagnell and Olney campus."

With a six per cent increase in A*-C grades, Lord Grey School are putting their difficult years behind them.

Chairman of the governors, Madeleine Carrington, said: "Great results mean that all students can go on to the next stage of their education with confidence."

Although there has been some controversy nationally over harsh marking of English GCSEs this did not stop 74 per cent of students at Oakgrove School achieving A*-C passes.

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Burglars hit school and steal £3k Macs

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A GANG of heartless burglars have broken into a school – which could cost it around £4,000.

On August 20 between 11-11.30pm, thieves broke into the Stantonbury Campus's music department and stole four Apple Mac computers, valued around £3,000, as well as causing damage to a window and a fire door costing £1,000.

The Apple Mac computers are used by students for music and music technology coursework, and are essential equipment for the students to be able to learn and experiment within the subject.

It is a big blow for the school with the new academic year set to start next Wednesday.

Headteacher Chris Williams said: "Like every school in the country, we do our best to provide excellent facilities for our students and are appalled that anyone could behave in this way. We are currently fencing the teaching areas of the campus to provide better security and would welcome any information as to who might have been involved."

The offenders were caught on CCTV and scenes of crime officers have taken forensic evidence, for the police to now further investigate.

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "They caught four males on CCTV, so are looking for these four with the possibility of there being more."

Anyone with information should contact investigating officer PC Howes at Milton Keynes police station via the 24-hour non-emergency number 101.

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This is in addition to the growth of 6% last year. This means that Lord Grey's headline figure has gone up for three years in a row - from 28% in 2009 to 39% in 2010, then 45% in 2011 and now the school has broken the 50% barrier with a superb result. Any five qualifications at C grade or above has reached 84%, which is also fantastic. The students have done so well!

The Headteacher, Dr Tracey Jones, commented: "a 23% increase in 5+A*-C including English and Maths over three years is incredible. This is the key figure that everyone is bothered about at the moment, as it is the one that gives young people a route into further education and better careers, so I am very pleased. It is testimony to the hard work and dedication of the Lord Grey staff, and, of course, the students themselves. Lord Grey is full for September 2012 and I am not surprised as we are now delivering good exam results after some difficult times a few years ago.

That is all way behind us now. Lord Grey is a rapidly improving school and a local school that West Bletchley can be proud of."

Any five Level 2 qualifications at C grade or above is also on a trajectory of improvement: - 38% in 2009, 49% 2010, 73% 2011 and 84% in 2012. This is a growth of 46% in three years.

Dr Jones, enthused: 'I am so happy that we have comfortably passed the government's 'floor standard' for 5+A*-C including English and Maths by a considerable margin and the school is back where it should be in terms of results. Indeed this is our best year ever."

The Chair ofGovernors, Mrs Madeleine Carrington, said: 'these great results mean that all students can go on to the next stage of their education with confidence. Good results mean more chance to get onto their first choice of course for post 16 education."

> "LORD GREY IS A RAPIDLY IMPROVING SCHOOL"

The two key subjects of Maths and English fared well. Maths gained 63% A*-C, an 8% rise on last year. English Language scored 58% A*-C, which is fantastic in light of a new exam board specification, stringent controlled conditions assignments instead of traditional coursework and a national rise in the grade boundaries, so more marks are needed to get the higher grades.

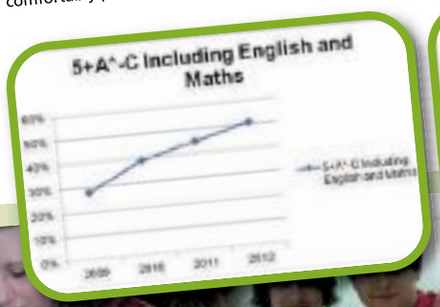
Top performing subjects this year are English Language, Maths, Art, Textiles, Media Studies, Full Course RS and French. German was much improved and the BTEC subjects of Music, Business, Sport, Science and Work Skills delivered very well indeed. OCR National in ICT and Edexcel's PSE course also gained the school many welcome additional points. A diverse and relevant curriculum served the school well, with a wide range of academic and vocational courses on offer, so there's something for everyone.

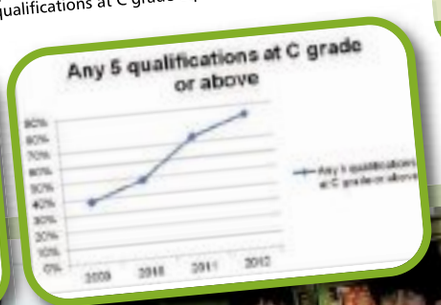
Sixteen subjects gained a 100% pass and no student left the school without a qualification. 100% of students gained 1+A*-G and 99.6% got at least 1+A*-C. 99% got 5+A*-G (up from 95% last year) and 67% left with a foreign languages qualification. 87% of students got 2 Science qualifications at C grade equivalency

Lord Grey's strengthening picture:	2012	2011	2010	2009
Average total points score per pupil uncapped	515	438	343	287
Average total points score per pupil capped (best 8 results)	312	326	287	269
Average number of qualification entries per student	13.0	10.8	9.4	7.5

Some of Lord Grey's Top Achievers

Name	A*- C grades or equivalent	Points Score	Average Points Per Entry
Alanis Ramos	17.50	890	51
MitalGorania	15.75	837	53
Abigail Harris	16.00	835	52
Jack Collins	16.50	834	51
Tarek Rahman	16.50	819	50
Harry Green	15.50	819	50
Savannah Babb	16.00	815	48
Abigail Griggs	16.50	801	49





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Beauty pageants loved by Tegan, 5

BY ANNA MAUREMOTOO

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A MOTHER of a young beauty queen is sticking up for the much derided world of pageants.

Five-year-old Tegan Hughes, of Shackleton place in Oldbrook, has been wowing judges up and down the country since she was three.

And her proud mum Wendy has nothing but good words to say about the heavily criticised child beauty pageants.

She said: "Tegan used to be a bit shy but entering beauty pageants has given her more confidence; even her teachers have noticed that she's more comfortable now."

The pretty youngster, a pupil at The Willows Primary School in Fishermead, got into pageants after people suggested she should become a child model.

Mrs Hughes explained: "People asked if I'd considered putting her into modeling and I had but I have three other daughters and modelling jobs are usually in London after school so it was just too much to juggle so I entered her into an online pageant and it all started from there."

Pageants may conjure up images of tots in wigs, fake tan and makeup but Mrs Hughes has decided to stay away from this side of things.

She said: "Some parents might go a bit far with the hair pieces, fake tan and fake eyelashes but we don't do any of that, the most I do is maybe curl her hair and put some lip gloss on."

Tegan loves the spotlight now but her mum said she wouldn't mind if she changed her mind in the future.

She said: "My kids won't do anything they don't want to. "If she didn't want to do the pageants anymore then I wouldn't make her because childhood is all about having fun."

Recently Tegan placed second in her age group at the Miss Unique South and was overall winner of best hair.

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Finally a festival for hackers and geeks

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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GEEKS dreams have come true with the arrival of the first large-scale festival in the UK aimed at hackers, scientists, engineers, artists, and crafters.

Electromagnetic Field (EMF) in Pineham Park is a three-day event with talks, workshops, impromptu villages and, of course - as with any festival - there will be a well-stocked bar.

With talks ranging from reverse engineering to lock picking even the most inquisitive minds will be thoroughly satisfied.

Jonty Wareing, one of the EMF organisers, said: "Festivals like this have been taking place in Germany and the Netherlands for twenty years so we felt it was about time that the UK hosted one."

Aside from the organised talks and workshops, attendees are forming villages and planning events of their own throughout the day and well into the night.

Unlike many great British festivals, visitors can enjoy hot showers and running water but even more spectacularly each tent will be hooked up to a power source and internet access - both wired and wireless.

Bog standard? EMF is using a portable toilet as a central hub

Wander between tents and you might come across someone teaching safecracking or accidentally stumble into a late-night jam session using instruments constructed from circuit boards.

The camp will be littered with interesting things to play with and explore - extraordinary vehicles and glowing objects can be found in every corner.

Mr Wareing, 28 said: "I'm really looking forward to the huge variety of people coming to EMF and the things I can learn from them."

The event takes place between August 31-September 1 and tickets cost £95.

For more information visit http://emfcamp.org

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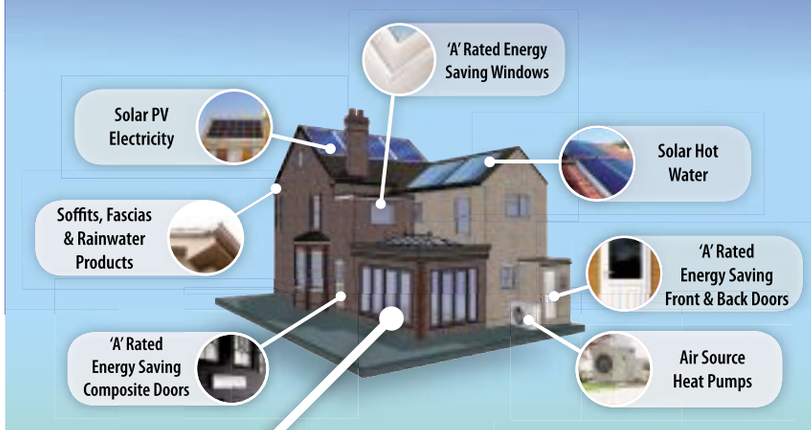

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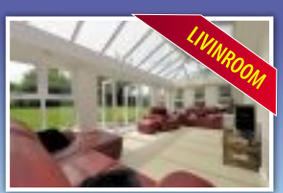

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Seventh heaven for cycling fundraisers

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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GET On Your Bike to raise cash for Cancer Research UK - for the seventh year running.

Young and old, families and individuals – everyone can take part in this cycling event that is becoming a fast favourite with city residents.

Attracting hundreds of people, two-year-olds can cycle along with grandparents and triathlete riders can all take part together.

And as organiser Carol Osborne, who has raised almost £80,000 in six years reminds us, it is all for a good cause.

"Like any illness you have to have research, and without that we would get nowhere," she said.

"Research is what keeps families together.

"Cancer Research UK do half of all the research that's carried out into the disease, and it gets no Government funding."

The seven or 15-mile routes leave the Hilton in Kents Hill at 11am (check in from 9.30am) on Sunday, September 9, out onto redway cycling paths and the millennium route. The ride is signed and marshalled.

Helping to create the On Your Bike MK atmosphere is Jim from Bookmeadisco along with MKFM taking photos of the fun day.

This year Jeff Ward and friends of the Schwinn UK National Team will give an impressive demonstration, as well as Darren Gray and his korfball demonstration, proving you can have fun while keeping fit.

Joe Thompson and Ben Rodgers, a young musical duo who have performed at Milton Keynes Theatre and The Stables, will also be playing, there will be facepainting by Allison, a bouncy castle from Childs Play and the Hilton barbecue.

For more details go to www.getonyourbikemk.org for prices, times and where to get registration forms, or call Carol on 01908 502418.

On their bikes: Families join in last year's event

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Newport Nobby at Bradwell Station, a photograph from the Living Archive website

Relive the past with charity pics

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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RARE photos of Milton Keynes in days gone by can now be owned by everyone thanks to a local charity.

Newport Nobby (the train that ran between Newport Pagnell and Wolverton), the sheep market at Bletchley, and a fancy dress parade in Fenny to celebrate George VI's coronation are among more than 100 images available for sale in Living Archive's new online shop.

Part of the charity's relaunched website, the online shop also features books, music, DVDs and teachers' packs which bring local history to life in the words and images of those who lived it.

Priced at £10 each, photos can be downloaded from the store and then printed off and framed to make gifts or to decorate your own walls.

Other highlights in the collection include a steam train at Swanbourne around 1900, the Wolverton Works tram making its way through floodwater, and a view of the M1 at Newport Pagnell services soon after its opening.

Living Archive's Mel Jeavons said: "We get people ringing us all the time who want to buy old photos and until now this has meant a lot of time going through cabinets to find what they want.

"Putting them on our website makes it easier for them and for us, and we'll be adding more and more photos as we go along."

The new Living Archive website aims to be easier to use, including for people to contribute their own stories to, as the charity continues to encourage all of us to share our memories of the city's past.

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Hit tune for rapper duo

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER losing his dad to cancer and fighting a life-threatening heart condition, Milton Keynes boy Jamie Stimpson was inspired to pursue his musical dreams.

Since then singer Jamie and city-based rapper Mr V, began working together and have released three singles.

Their most recent single, Alive, was released on August 19 and shot straight to number 17 in the iTunes R'n'B chart.

Their video on YouTube has already had more than 350,000 hits.

The duo have performed at all recent Milton Keynes festivals, but their aspirations are to break out of the local scene - but they hope to take the city with them.

Jamie said: "We like doing Milton Keynes stuff - there is not much music in MK and we want to kickstart the music industry here."

"Our music is not like typical rap, Mr V has a soft sounding voice and I am 6ft 3ins.

"Our motto is 'making music for the right reasons', and creating music with meaning."

The duo compare themselves most to the hip-hop band N-Dubz.

Jamie added: "They started off like us writing and releasing themselves and they are also unique with two rappers and a female singer."

As well as focusing on their career success, both get involved with the community and aim to continue that trend.

They have raised £10,000 for Willen Hospice and want to get involved in projects with schools.

"I am in talks with schools to teach students for a term and showcase their work," Jamie said.

To view the duo's video, search 'Alive by Jamie Stimpson' on www.youtube.com

Duo Jamie and Mr V are number 17 in the iTunes R'n'B chart

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Widow in fight for 'pioneer' memorial

THE widow of one of the city's 'founding fathers' is hopeful that a lasting memorial will soon be unveiled in Milton Keynes.

Val Roche, along with The Fred Roche Foundation, has been lobbying Milton Keynes Council (MKC) for a permanent memorial for her late husband.

Fred Roche *(right)* was an integral figure in shaping the new city, serving as Milton Keynes Development Corporation General Manager.

At a recent meeting of the council's executive scrutiny panel councillors rejected the proposal to rename Station Square in his honour but promised that a fitting memorial would be found.

Mrs Roche said: "I was happy with the outcome of that meeting; it's come after a long struggle."

Members of the foundation forced the council to debate the name change after calling in the original decision not to rename it

Fred Roche Station Square or Roche Station Square.

But the scrutiny panel, chaired by councillor Chris Williams, voted unanimously to leave the Station Square name as it is.

At the meeting Cllr Williams said: "Even if we rename it people will still call it Station Square."

Now Mrs Roche hopes that a fitting memorial will be decided on.

She said: "We want something fitting not anything like a statue, something like Campbell Park which was named after Lord Campbell."

The panel recommended that the council begin discussions with the foundation to find a suitable place to honour Mr Roche's memory.

Mrs Roche added: "It will be 20 years this November since Fred died and it was clear that people's memories of him disappeared a long time ago and some young people don't know who he was.

"We want people to come to the city and remember who the founders were."

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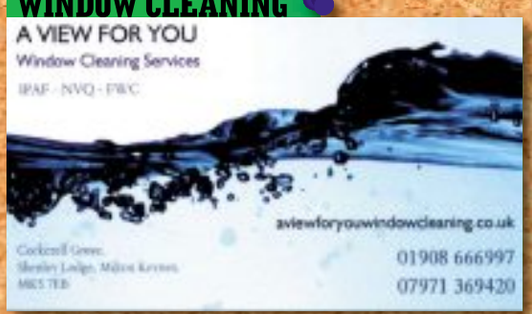

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Rain fails to spoil Culture Festival

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THOUSANDS braved the wet weather over the weekend to join in festivities at the Celebrating Arts and Culture Festival.

Organised by Milton Keynes' Islamic Arts Heritage and Culture Group, the aim of the two-day event was to promote cultural integration through the arts.

A host of activities kept visitors entertained at the MK NEWS backed festival including art workshops, dance displays and a funfair.

Organiser Anouar Kassim, said: "Five and a half thousand people attended over the weekend despite the wet weather.

"People from a variety of cultures worked together to bring the festival to life.

"Signature from the Britain's Got Talent final really got the crowd moving on Sunday."

Milton Keynes College's Leadership Academy helped to run sports sessions while fashion students showcased their Vivienne Westwood-inspired creations on the catwalk.

There was plenty of opportunity for visitors to try something new with cuisines from around the world including Jamaica and Morocco. Youngsters at the family friendly event were entertained in the face painting and badge making tent ran by InterAction-MK.

Great time: Crowd enjoys Signature at Arts and Culture Festival

Festival goer Craig Jones said: "It was a delight to see so many cultures come together in one place harmoniously.

"I really enjoyed tasting all the different foods and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyable."

Sponsors of the event included Fujifilm, MK Foundation, Arts Council, MK Council, MK Gallery, Arts Gateway MK, MK NEWS, AHA, Mosiac, The Parks Trust, Secklow Sounds, Bucks Fire Service, TVP, MK Dons, Soccer League, Jessops and MKEC.

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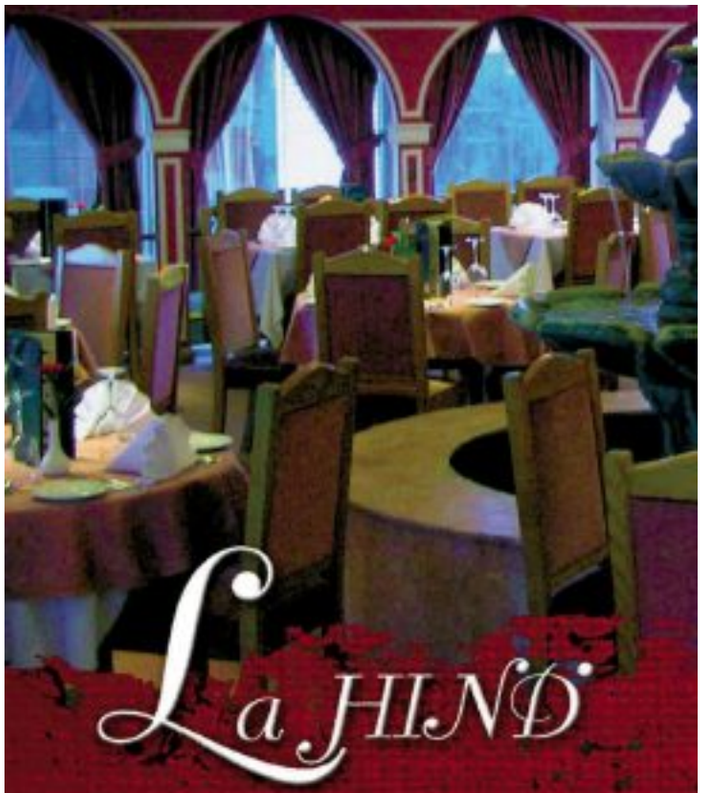

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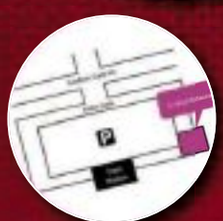

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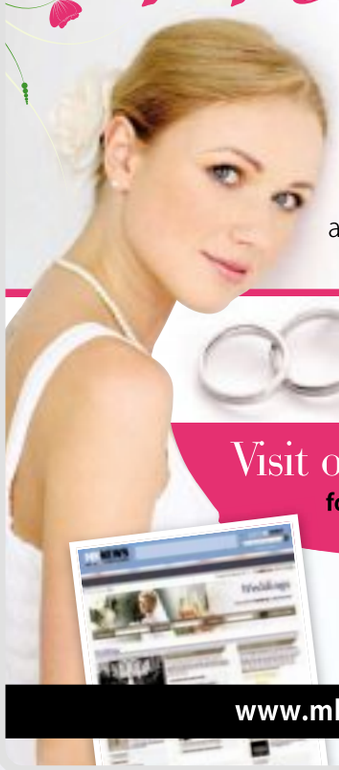
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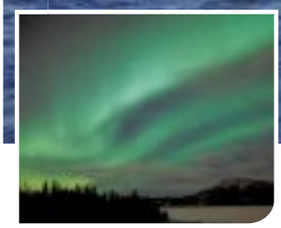

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Young Guys and Dolls emulate professionals

By JESSICA DUNCAN

YOUNG performers have their time in the spotlight at Milton Keynes Theatre in the Broadway hit Guys and Dolls.

For the second year running the theatre is producing Stage Experience which gives performers aged 10 to 21 the opportunity to perform on the professional stage.

Rebecca Ludlow, who plays Adelaide, said: "The standard was so high last year we have got a lot to live up to, but we will do it."

Guys and Dolls is based on 'The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown' and 'Blood Pressure' – two short stories by Damon Runyon.

Imogen Hudson, who plays leading lady Sarah Brown, said: "For the age and experience it's just as good as a professional show."

Guys and Dolls is at Milton Keynes Theatre from August 30 to September 1. Tickets start from £12.50, available from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes or call 0844 8717652.

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On Saturday there will be a Dakota Flypast (weather permitting) and the Racing Pigeon Association will release hundreds of birds on Sunday. A veterans' memorial service will be held on Sunday, featuring a performance by Milton Keynes Pipe Band.

Throughout the weekend re-enactors will take part in events including a fashion show and the use of a plotting table. There will also be a selection of talks given by experts on Bletchley Park.

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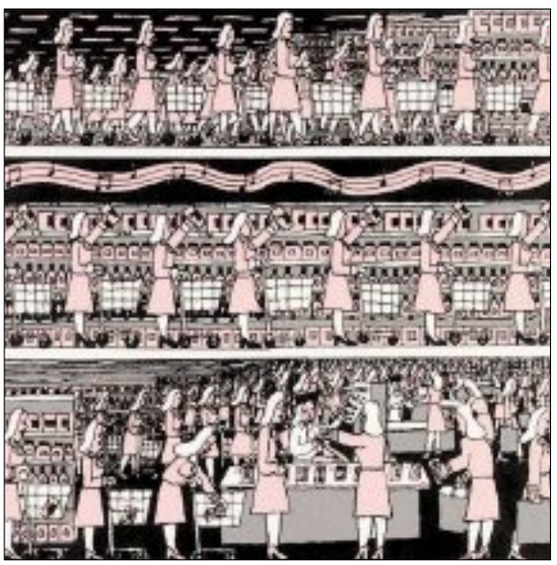

THERE are only a few days left to see Soft City at MK Gallery, the first solo exhibition outside of Norway by Oslo-born artist Pushwagner.

The exhibition includes his defining creation, the graphic novel 'Soft City', which encapsulates a generation's disenchantment with capitalism and life in the modern city.

It also includes a series of prints that depict the trappings of power, featuring one of the principal characters in Pushwagner's mythology: 'The Boss'.

This omnipotent bureaucrat sits behind a massive desk of levers and switches and controls the world via a giant screen.

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MKlife Columnist Competition

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This week, Woburn Safari Park's Ranger Bob (pictured) gives a hint of what it's like to work with elephants

AUGUST has been all about the elephants at Woburn Safari Park, as we have just opened a specially developed new enclosure called Elephant Meadow.

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Watching them bathe is really a wonderful sight, as the elephants do love a bath, especially in the hot weather we've had!

Our photographer and the keepers have taken some really great pictures of them having a splash, if you look at our facebook page www.facebook.com/woburnsafaripark.

The other great thing about Elephant Meadow is that visitors will get the chance to get an uninterrupted view of the animals as they enjoy their new space.

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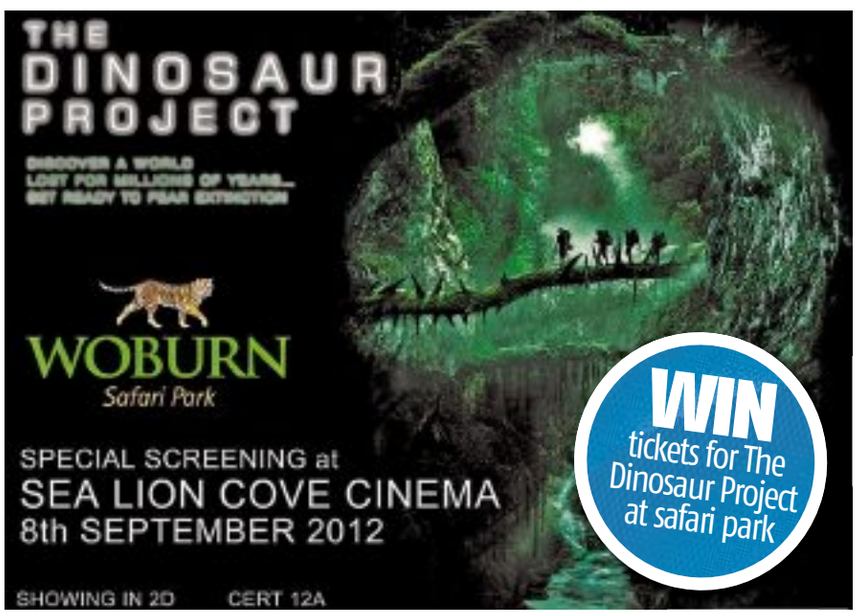

WIN tickets to a special showing of the exciting new movie 'The Dinosaur Project' at Woburn Safari Park's brand new Sea Lion Cove Cinema on September 8.

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We have 50 pairs of tickets to be won for the brand new creature feature The Dinosaur Project – an incredible journey into a world lost for millions of years, to find a water creature thought to be extinct.

This exclusive screening is certificate 12A and is open to all ages, but children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult age 18+.

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A. Stegosaurus
B. Doyouthinkhesaurus
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LAST week the suggestion for a night in was Celebrity Big Brother, and it's another reality fest this time around – The X Factor.

Yes, the singing contest that everyone either loves or hates is back for another series so get ready for it to make an appearance on countless Saturdays.

You may think the show is absolutely pointless as even those who win it seem to fade into obscurity from the moment their name is announced.

The early weeks are the best time to tune in as this is when you get the talent show staples: the excitement of the auditions, the nasty put downs and the emotional back stories of those who might have a chance.

Or when the bewildered are wheeled out to be sniggered at by multi-millionaires according to Ricky Gervais' Andy Millman in Extras.

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fizzylemon

KNOWN for his northern accent, dodgy tash and bright blonde hair, Keith Lemon is a character who seems to be creeping more and more into public consciousness.

In fact, it's easy to forget that he's not a real person but the alter ego of Bo Selecta star Leigh Francis.

These days he is best known for his appearances in panel show Celebrity Juice and now he has reached even higher heights thanks to Keith Lemon: The Film.

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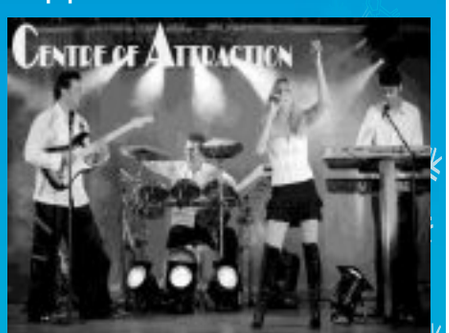

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Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

As the school is currently closed for the summer holidays, further information and an application form can be found on our website (www.redborne.com). From Tuesday 4th September you can also obtain this information from Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school.

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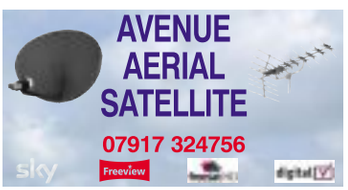

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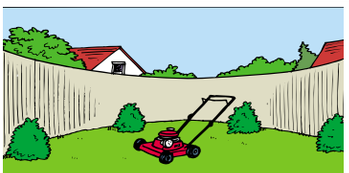

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Public Notices

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (SHEEP LANE ROUNDABOUT, CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE TO A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes and Central Bedfordshire to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst road marking works and routine maintenance are carried out along the A5 between the Kelly's Kitchen and Sheep Lane Roundabouts.

The works are expected to take place over a total of 10 nights (8pm – 6am Mondays to Thursdays and 9pm - 8am Fridays) in two phases, between Monday 24 and Saturday 29 September and Monday 15 and Saturday 20 October 2012.

The effect of the Order would be to close the northbound –

1. carriageway of the A5 between Sheep Lane Roundabout and the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, diverting traffic via the A505 and A4146 to rejoin the A5 at Kelly Kitchen Roundabout, and
2. entry slip road leading to the A5 from Little Brickhill, diverting traffic to the A4146 to follow the main diversion route.

All lay-bys adjacent to the length of trunk road described at 1 above would be closed for 24 hours daily, for the duration of the works.

The Order would come into force on 17 September 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The carriageway, slip road and lay-by closures (which would not apply to works, emergency service or traffic officer vehicles) and diversion routes, would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works period. Access to properties fronting the trunk road would be maintained at all times.

Mrs A V Middleton
An official of the Highways Agency
General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Keith Hutchinson at the Highways Agency Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796510.

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Dated this 25TH day of August 2012

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
VARIOUS ROADS, OLDBROOK, RESTRICTED PERMIT PARKING AND WAITING ZONE EXPERIMENTAL ORDERS 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on the 28th August 2012 made the two Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purposes of carrying out an experimental scheme of traffic control for a period of 12 months. The Orders will affect all classes of vehicle on various roads within Oldbrook, Milton Keynes and will come into effect on the 7th September 2012.

The Orders will have the following effects:

The introduction of a restricted permit parking and waiting zone at Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit, carer's permit or business permit, operational Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 10.00am to 12.00p.m and 3.00pm to 5.00pm in the entire length of the following roads within Oldbrook, Appleyard Place, Barnes Place, Barrington Mews, Boycott Avenue, Bridgeford Court, Cartwright Place, Douglas Place, Evans Gate, Grace Avenue, Hutton Avenue, Johnston Place, Kirkstall Place, Larwood Place, Leyland Place, Milburn Avenue, Richardson Place, Shackleton Place, Sutcliffe Avenue, Tyson Place, Wardle Place, Verity Place and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Oldbrook Boulevard.

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions within the restricted waiting zone at Oldbrook, operational Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 10.00am to 12.00p.m and 3.00pm to 5.00pm for a maximum period of 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour, except for vehicles displaying a valid resident, visitor, carer or business permit in the entire length of the following roads within Oldbrook, Appleyard Place, Barnes Place, Barrington Mews, Boycott Avenue, Bridgeford Court, Cartwright Place, Douglas Place, Evans Gate, Grace Avenue, Hutton Avenue, Johnston Place, Kirkstall Place, Larwood Place, Leyland Place, Milburn Avenue, Richardson Place, Shackleton Place, Sutcliffe Avenue, Tyson Place, Wardle Place, Verity Place and along the whole length of the north-west vehicular accessway of Oldbrook Boulevard.

The introduction of resident's permits, visitor's permits, carer's permits and business permits for use within the roads located within the restricted permit parking zone at Oldbrook, Milton Keynes. There will be no charge for the issue of these permits.

All motor vehicles are affected by this Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

The following will be exempt from the provisions of this Order. Emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders and some others.

A copy of the Orders as made including maps indicating their location and effects together with a statement of the council's reasons for making the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Please quote reference number WL/P&E/005802/ETRO/1993.

The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Experimental Orders should be continued in force indefinitely. Any person wishing to object to the making of the Experimental Orders for the purpose of such indefinite continuation should put their objection **in writing**, stating the grounds on which the objection is made, and send it to the undersigned, to be received within a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the Experimental Orders came into force, i.e. to be **received by the Council no later than 6th March 2013**.

29th August 2012.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Titles of Orders

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Oldbrook) (Restricted Permit Parking Zone) Experimental Order 2012

The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (Various Roads, Oldbrook) (Restricted Waiting Zone) Experimental Order 2012

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WATER EATON ROAD (PART), BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in order that an examination of the railway bridge along Water Easton Road, Bletchley, together with any subsequent necessary works to the bridge, may be carried out. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic and pedestrians from proceeding along those parts of Water Eaton Road running for a distance of approximately 20 metres either side of the railway bridge. It is anticipated that the closure will commence on Sunday 9 September 2012 at 7.30 am and that it will continue until 2.00 pm on Sunday 9 September 2012. The road will re-open sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

The alternative route will be via Water Eaton Road, then northerly along Duncombe Street to Locke Road, turning westerly into Queensway, then southerly into Water Eaton Road and vice versa.

The road closure and alternative route will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the order.

The proposed order will come into operation on 9 September 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

29 August 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Office, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (HIGH STREET, MARKET SQUARE, AND FOOTPATH NUMBERS 22, 74 AND 2 (PARTS), HANSLOPE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely the Hanslope Street Fayre, which is being promoted by Ms Shirley Tuckey, intends to make an order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting along the following lengths of roads, and to temporarily prohibit all access to parts of Footpath numbers 22, 74 and 2, on the dates and at the times stated:-

High Street, Hanslope from its junction with Castlethorpe Road to its junction with Gold Street, Hanslope from 5.00 pm on Friday 14 September 2012 to 8.00 am on Saturday 15 September 2012;

High Street, Hanslope from its junction with Castlethorpe Road for a distance of approximately 70 metres in a generally southerly direction to its junction with Carriers Close from 8.00 am on Saturday 15 September 2012 to 8.00 pm on Saturday 15 September 2012.

Whilst High Street is closed the alternative route will be via Gold Street and Castlethorpe Road and vice versa.

Access to premises and properties in High Street, Market Square and also Church End will be maintained wherever possible throughout the closure. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for emergency vehicles, military vehicles and vehicles used in connection with the event.

Please note that the above road closures will only take place if there is a large quantity of rain before the day of the event, otherwise it is anticipated that the Street Fayre will be held on Hanslope Recreation Ground for the duration.

The organisers of the event will be arranging for the road and footpath closures and alternative routes to be signed, and will also be informing all adjacent premises of the closures, with a request that residents who normally park their vehicles within the High Street park elsewhere for the duration to allow room for the event to take place.

In addition to the above stated road closure, a firework display will be held in the field that is positioned between with the southern boundary of the recreation ground and the south western boundary of St James Church yard.

In the interests of public safety whilst the display is being set up, taking place and being cleared away the following parts of Footpath Numbers 22, 74 and 2 Hanslope, will be temporarily closed as follows on Saturday 15 September 2012 from 8.00 am to 11.00 pm:-

Footpath Number 22 – from its junction with Castlethorpe Road in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 190 metres to its junction with Footpath Number 74;

Footpath Number 74 – from its junction with Footpath Number 22 in a general north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 120 metres to its junction with Footpath Number 2;

Footpath Number 2 – from its junction with Footpath Number 74 in a general north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 140 metres to its junction with Church End.

Whilst those parts of the above footpaths are temporarily closed the alternative route for eastbound pedestrians will be via the footways adjacent to Castlethorpe Road, High Street and Market Square.

The proposed order will come into operation on Friday 14 September 2012 at 5.00 pm and will continue until Saturday 15 September 2012 at 11.00 pm.

A copy of the proposed order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing it and a map indicating its location and effect may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard and at Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, during normal opening hours and at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, at the address below, during normal office hours, by quoting reference number BAS-P&E-005867-1997.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

29 August 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Office, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01447/FUL — Erection of a two storey rear extension at 27 High Street, North Crawley

12/01530/FUL — Change of use and conversion of barn to habitable living space; single storey extension to join existing dwelling with barn at The Hovel, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood

12/01531/FUL — Change of use of paddock land to track to form residential driveway; re-gravelling of hardcore track (retrospective) at The Hovel, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood

12/01630/FUL — Insertion of glazed doors to rear elevation and partial screened terrace over existing lean to roof at 2-4 Church Street, Olney

SECTION 67 & 73 — LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01498/FUL — Erection of a single storey dwelling and alterations and enlargement of existing opening to create vehicular access onto Crofts End (amended scheme pursuant to withdrawn application 11/01412/FUL and 11/01413/LBC) at 4 High Street, Sherington

12/01499/LBC — Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey dwelling and alterations and enlargement of the existing opening to create vehicular access onto Crofts End (amended scheme pursuant to withdrawn application 11/01412/FUL and 11/01413/LBC) at The Manor, 4 High Street, Sherington

SECTION 67 — LISTED BUILDING

12/01641/FUL — Extension to Plot 8 of development at High St & Stanwyck Lane West of Childs Way (original approval ref 09/00565/FUL) at Land Adjacent To Former Shenley Common Farm House, Stanwyck Lane, Oxley Park

12/01724/FULEIS — Extensions and alterations to the Centre:MK at land bounded by existing Market Square, the road junction of Secklow Gate (South) and Midsummer Boulevard; removal of Secklow Gate Bridge south and associated highway works to provide a two storey retail unit and public open space fronting Midsummer Boulevard at CMK Shopping Building, Secklow Gate, Central Milton Keynes

12/01725/LBC — Extensions and alterations to the Centre:MK at land bounded by existing Market Square, the road junction of Secklow Gate (South) and Midsummer Boulevard; removal of Secklow Gate Bridge south to provide a two storey retail unit and public open space fronting Midsummer Boulevard at CMK Shopping Building, Secklow Gate, Central Milton Keynes

SECTION 67 — AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

12/01587/TPO — Tree preservation order consent to fell one Horse Chestnut tree (T11) to ground level at 32 Hengistbury Lane, Tattenhoe

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12/00968/MKPCR — Reserved Matters Application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for part of Tattenhoe Park Site 1 comprising 16 dwellings, associated garages and play space pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 06/00602/MKPCO for residential-led mixed use development of 450 dwellings (re-consultation following submission of amended plans), Kingsmead South, off Hayton Way, Milton Keynes

12/00969/MKPCR — Reserved Matters Application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for part of Tattenhoe Park Site 1 comprising 144 dwellings, associated garages and play space pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 06/00856/MKPCO for residential-led mixed use development of 1310 dwellings (re-consultation following submission of amended plans and amended description), Tattenhoe Park, off Hayton Way, Milton Keynes

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Assistant boss MICK HARFORD has signed for MK NEWS and will write exclusively every week

This week Mick ponders an early managerial casualty...

THANKS for all the reaction to the first column – I've had a wonderful welcome from all the Dons fans so far. Everyone has been very friendly and hopefully I can help repay that by having a successful season.

I've been particularly impressed with the away support who have really got behind us in the games so far – it's been great to see.

The football season has only just begun but already there has been a lot of incident.

However, I have always been of the opinion that the leagues don't really start to take shape until nine or ten games have been played. It is the same in all four divisions, it usually takes a quarter of the league season to get settled results.

I was surprised then that Andy Thorn has already been let go as manager of our League One rivals Coventry City.

He was my room mate when I was at Wimbledon and I'm disappointed for him, but that is the business we are in.

When he got the job there were difficult circumstances and I don't think it was a surprise to anyone when they were relegated from the Championship. Andy's a great lad though and I'm sure he will bounce back.

That's football, it's a results business and people make decisions which have consequences.

Elsewhere, I have been very impressed with how Chelsea have started.

Eden Hazard looks to be a great player, I think that along with Arsenal's new signing Santi Cazorla he has adjusted to the Premier League the best.

You could see how good his vision and awareness were against Wigan, it was there for all to see, and it looks like he'll be a good player for them for quite a few years.

Pete hits out at refs

FROM BACK PAGE

after an unprecedented start to the season for us which has hugely disappointed me.

"From our point of view we have suffered another sending off, it's something that I can't really believe.

"We're one of the best football playing teams in the whole of the Football League.

"Many press comments over the last couple of years, especially since we've had Karl Robinson as our manager, have pointed that out.

"We're not a dirty team, we don't play to get people sent off, we don't play to hurt anybody, we try to play the better football.

"I've gone back over all of the sendings off and there's only one sending off which I think is absolutely a sending off and that came after a player we were playing against had broken this particular player's nose.

"We accept that, hands up, that's a sending off, although it should have been a free kick first.

"These other sendings off, I just don't get it, and I don't understand it, and it is really having an affect on our season.

"This is a big season for the MK Dons, it's a season when we will be finishing the stadium and a season that I'd like to finish high in this league.

"I think we've got one of the best teams, certainly the best squad of players that we've ever assembled at the club.

"They have promotion as their ambition and I think that unless we get some reasonable consistency in refereeing decisions, then I'm worried that it won't be our season and that would be a hell of a disappointment to me."

•For Mr Winkelman's statement in full and comment visit www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

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DONS V BLACKBURN ROVERS - CAPITAL ONE CUP SECOND ROUND

Capital Cup win sets up chance of glamour tie

Darren Potter battles in midfield

FROM BACK PAGE

Dons were beginning to assert themselves and Chadwick was the next to go close as passes began to jinx there way around visiting players on a regular basis.

A beautiful low pass from right back Jon Otsemobor dissected the Blackburn defence but Chadwick's finish lacked the required composure and the ball flew into the stands.

Robinson had stated that the most important test for his side this week is Saturday's league match against Carlisle, and his side were performing like the pressure was off as they knocked the ball around with increased vigour.

Gary MacKenzie was called upon at the back to halt a Blackburn break following a loose pass from Shaun Williams, and he responded with a cracking thumping tackle which needed to be as well timed as it was.

At the other end another flowing Dons move was started by a delicious delivery by Powell, who was enjoying himself by switching from wing to wing.

MacDonald rose to nod the ball down for Chadwick but the shot was tipped around the post by Kean.

It was goalless at the break but Dons resumed in the same manner and found their opener after 51 minutes.

Otsemobor demonstrated a menacing change in pace to storm forward on what looked like a fruitless run, but the full-back showed beast like qualities to out muscle Grant Hanley, taking the ball and leaving the Blackburn man on his backside.

The summer arrival teed up Chadwick who slotted a finish from just inside the area.

Blackburn responded by making a double change but it was Dons who continued to threaten and Powell nearly scored from Adam Chicksen's drag back.

David Goodwillie, one of Rovers' changes, brushed the crossbar with a well struck effort from range - the closest the lacklustre visitors had come - and Chadwick then added his second.

Powell's shot was too hot to handle for Kean and the Dons midfielder ghosted in and stabbed home the loose ball to double the lead

Dons were now firing on all cylinders and Dean Bowditch was inches away with an arrowed drive.

Blackburn were restricted to speculative efforts and Dons looked to be seeing out a comfortable victory until the Lancashire side set up a nervy conclusion with a goal from nowhere on 82 minutes.

Goodwillie headed home from six yards from a Nunes cross to set up a tight finish when Dons had been cruising.

The two goal advantage was nearly restored immediately but Williams' header was nodded off the line by Paulo Jorge.

Blackburn had nothing left to offer in added time and Dons deservedly sealed their passage through, which sets up the possibility of a glamour tie.

Dons: Martin, Otsemobor, MacKenzie, Williams, Gleeson, Potter, Bowditch (Ibehre 92) , MacDonald (R.Lowe 74), Chicksen, Powell, Chadwick (O'Shea 77). Unused subs: McLoughlin, Alli, Galloway.

Blackburn: Kean, Orr, Nunes, Marcus Olsson, Dann, Jorge, Etuhu (J.Lowe 58), Junior (Goodwillie 58), Rochina (Formica 69), Hanley, Vukcevic. Unused subs: J.Lowe, Martin Olsson, Morris, Usai, Ribeiro.

Charlie MacDonald goes for the ball with Jake Kean

Karl Robinson intrsduces Jimmy Bullard before the game

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ATHLETICS

Greg returns with third place finish

OLYMPIC long jump champion Greg Rutherford returned to action for the first time after London 2012 with a third place finish at the Diamond League meeting in Birmingham on Sunday – a result he said he was 'annoyed' with.

It was three weeks and a day after the Milton Keynes athlete's golden moment in the Olympic Stadium – a time period where his training would have largely been put on the back burner so he could deal with the commitments that naturally come with the territory after what he achieved.

Rutherford's best jump of 7.88m was well short of his Olympic winning distance of 8.31m, and behind winner Aleksandr Menkov's 8.18m and second placed Christian Taylor's 7.95m.

The city competitor registered his distance with his second attempt, improving upon his first jump by two centimetres.

He then passed on his next three jumps due to a groin problem, before fouling with his sixth and final attempt.

Rutherford, who is third overall in the Diamond League, can and will jump much further when he fully gets back into the swing of things.

In spite of this he couldn't hide his disappointment at the performance.

As a home grown Olympic champion Rutherford was one of the day's big draws as an excited British crowd packed into the sold out Alexander Stadium to salute the country's heroes.

He said: "It's a bit of shame that I couldn't perform a bit better.

"In the first round I felt really good until I got out of the pit.

"I noticed a bit of a twinge in my groin and it was a bit silly carrying on to be honest.

"But I felt that there was something there and it's annoying, it really, really is.

"It was a great competition, Menkov had a fantastic jump early on and put the pressure on the field.

"I was a little bit lethargic, I think the last few weeks have taken it out of me a little bit, but I'm meant to be a professional athlete, I should be able to come out and perform and jump well.

"Today I let a few people down I think and that's not ideal.

"I wanted to come out here and jump a decent over eight metre jump and I didn't get that in, but I think I'm starting to feel a few aches and pains that I didn't feel earlier in the year."

TOURING CARS

More top tens is the goal for Nash

James Nash ahead of team mate Tom Chilton

WORLD Touring Cars driver James Nash is targeting more top ten finishes in the second half of his debut season on the global stage.

The city racer made the step up this season after being crowned independents' champion on the British Touring Cars circuit, and has picked up 12 championship points with four races remaining on the calendar.

It hasn't always been easy for the TeamAoN Ford Focus driver, who has had to retire from races five times, but he has loved being part of the world event which has already seen him take to the track on three continents.

The season resumes in the United States on September 23 with Nash hoping to add to his three top ten results so far.

He said: "Hopefully, we can make the top ten a few more times.

"While all of us at Team AoN will be trying to develop and push forward the Ford Focus as fast as we can, I think we'll have to wait until next season to achieve more, a podium say."

Nash, who is 18th in the overall standings, one place above team mate Tom Chilton, has described his performance this year as 'fair'.

He said: "I've driven very well this season though unfortunately when you're racing in midfield a lot of what you're doing goes unnoticed.

"We've got the data though and when you look at my lap times, both in qualifying and the race, my performance compared to that of my team mate is and has been very favourable.

"The best comparison a driver has is his team mate and Tom is an extremely quick driver.

"He's won in touring cars and in prototype sports cars too.

"To favourably compare to him in the same car has been professionally very satisfying.

"I have scored the most points ever by a Ford driver in the modern era of the WTCC in my first half season so that is good too I think."

Nash, who hasn't ruled out a return to British Touring Cars at some point in the future, has been impressed by his global rivals.

"The quality of the competition is fierce in any top line Championship but the depth of quality in the WTCC is something else," he said.

"I'm racing against drivers who've won World and National titles before and in the mix we've got a couple of former F1 Grand Prix drivers too.

"Just to get into the top ten in the WTCC is a big achievement."

Three other races, all of which are in Asia, are scheduled after the United States, in China, Japan and Macau.

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CYCLING

CITY Olympian Ian Stannard is currently in action in the Tour of Spain and as usual the Team Sky man has taken on the role of workhorse.

As is customary for Stannard he has been often seen as the driving force at the front of the peloton – with the goal of propelling team mate and Tour de France runner up Chris Froome to victory.

Froome is currently second in the overall standings, and will be boosted by Stannard and the rest of the Sky riders driving the pace.

BMX

SIXTEEN-year-old starlet Izzy Ferrada clinched the 2012 National BMX Series on Sunday following her victory in the last round in Peterborough.

Racing in the girl class for 15 and 16 year olds, Izzy racked up four first places and three second places during the 11-round series.

Her success follows two seasons in 2010 and 2011 when she raced in the top female BMX Class Championship, finishing seventh and fifth respectively. Next year Izzy, who races for the Redman Rockstar Energy Drink GB BMX team, will return to this level of competition.

FLOORBALL

THREE players from the MK Phantoms have received international recognition from Great Britain.

Matt Spring and Lee Stobie have made the senior squad and Jack Thorpe is in the U19 set up at the age of just 15.

ATHLETICS

THERE were more honours for MK Athletic Club, this time at the European Veteran's Championships in Zittau, Germany.

Mark Roberson (M35) claimed two bronze medals, the first thanks to a throw of 45.25m in the hammer and the second courtesy of a 13.58m throw in the weight.

Elsewhere, Jackson Curtis was fourth in the javelin at an international meeting in Antwerp, throwing 66.65m.

ICE HOCKEY

AMATEUR ice hockey outfit the MK Hurricanes won the Swindon Recfest tournament – which features some of the best sides in the country.

Coach Matt Darnell said: "All the guys pulled together and gave it their all."

RUGBY UNION

THE new season begins for Bletchley on Saturday, with a home opener against Bracknell in the South West 1 East.

Milton Keynes and Olney begin their campaigns a week later in the Southern Counties North.

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ATHLETICS

Pickering targets return to big time while on road to recovery

CITY sprinter Craig Pickering is looking forward to a return to the track as he battles back from injury.

The MK Athlete had to watch the London Olympics from the sidelines after under-going back surgery, but he is now eyeing a place at other big championships in the future.

His operation in March removed disc fragments which were pressing against nerves but his recovery is now two months ahead of schedule and he is back training in spikes.

Pickering, *pictured*, has been out since January and at times the extended lay-off has been tough for the 25-year-old MK Athletic Club athlete.

"At one point it was five months with no training," he told MK SPORT. "It's a long process and a long time off.

"You are hungry to get back but when you do get back you are nowhere near the level you were at before.

"There are good days and then there are bad days when you think you will never get better.

"It's about maximising how many days you feel good."

Watching the Olympics from home was a tough ask but Pickering had plenty of time to come to terms with not competing.

He said: "It's tough to miss any major championship but an Olympics only comes around every four years, and as for a home Olympics that's once in a lifetime.

"But I've known for a long time and it had to be done.

"In a way it was nice to sit back and enjoy an Olympics but obviously I would have prefered to be out there competing."

A tentative target for Pickering, who has a World Championship bronze in the 4x100m relay and a 60m European Indoor silver in the cabinet, is a return to the indoor scene early next year.

Becoming fully fit is his top priority though with the beginning of the 2013 outdoor season another date to aim for.

He would like to compete at the next World Championships in Moscow, and after missing the home Olympics Great Britain's next big event, the Commonwealth Games, is also in his plans.

They are admittedly being held in Glasgow, Scotland, but Pickering will take what he can get, with the 2017 World Championships, to be held in London, also on his radar.

Pickering will be hoping to compete for a British relay team which has been haunted by failing to get the baton round in major competitions in recent times.

With Jamaica and the United States dominating the discipline,

the sprinter believes that mistakes have come as the Brits need to perform their changes at high speed in order to stand any chance of keeping up.

He said: "It always seems to be a different person who messes up.

"The quicker you go, the more dangerous the changes become."

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Golden boy returns to action
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Double goal scorer Luke Chadwick takes the ball past Blackburns defence

Luke's brace downs Rovers

BY DAN PALMER
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DONS 2 BLACKBURN 1

NEW signing Jimmy Bullard watched on as a Luke Chadwick double sunk Blackburn and booked Dons' place in the third round of the Capital One Cup.

The former Fulham and Wigan midfielder has joined until December 31 on a short term deal to become the fifth signing of the summer and was presented to the stadiummk crowd before kick-off last night.

Thirty-three-year-old Bullard would have enjoyed what he saw as Dons put the recently relegated Premier League side to the sword with a classy performance.

They were much the better throughout and for the first time this season they survived a game without having a player sent off.

Blackburn were poor and scored against the run of play late on after Chadwick had hit his double, removing the touch of gloss from the scoreline which the Dons' efforts deserved.

Stephen Gleeson returned from his ban to feature but Robinson was still without suspended trio Antony Kay, Alan Smith and Dean Lewington for this clash with the club he used to coach at.

The game hadn't reached the one minute mark when Dan Powell tested Blackburn keeper Jake Kean, with a fierce low drive that the keeper could only bat away.

It was a positive start but the Championship club had an even better chance just moments later which they really should have taken.

Fabio Nunes took advantage of some defensive indecision on the left flank and squared to Edinho Junior who looked to have the simple task of smashing past David Martin from close range.

Junior went for placement over power though and his tame effort was blocked when the net should have bulged.

In an entertaining opening Dons were next to go close but Charlie MacDonald couldn't flick Powell's sublime delivery home from close range.

It was Powell who was causing Steve Kean's side the most problems with the academy product looking to be in the same form which earned him the man of the match plaudits against Oldham.

He nearly found MacDonald again with another dangerous delivery from the flank but this time it was just too high for the lurking striker.

Chairman's anger over red card woe

CHAIRMAN Pete Winkelman refused to allow manager Karl Robinson to talk to the media after skipper Dean Lewington became the fourth Dons player to be sent off in as many games at Swindon on Saturday.

The owner made the highly unusual step of speaking to the press himself after the captain added to the red cards picked up by Stephen Gleeson, Antony Kay and Alan Smith.

It's an unwanted statistic for Dons who are more used to being seen as a side who play superb passing football – not one with bad discipline.

Mr Winkelman expressed fears that refereeing decisions could wreck this make or break season and said he could barely believe how the opening four matches of the campaign had panned out.

He disagrees with three of the red cards that have been handed out – the exception being Kay who retaliated following an after the final whistle scuffle with Oldham's Robbie Simpson.

Lewington's dismissal, in the first half of the 1-0 defeat to Swindon, was after the captain's flailing arm caught Robins man Simon Ferry and for many observers he can have no complaints.

After a soft free kick had been awarded in the home side's favour, Lewington picked up the ball to try and slow down play, which led to the flashpoint as Ferry tried to hurry things along.

Matt Ritchie quickly took advantage by scoring the only goal of the game for Swindon shortly afterwards, and in truth Paolo Di Canio's men had been much the better even before the sending off.

Mr Winkelman, however, was clearly a worried man as he addressed the assembled press pack – perhaps in a bid to prevent manager Karl Robinson from landing himself in hot water with the FA.

After initially joking and asking journalists to go easy on him on his media conference debut, the chairman gradually became more animated as he spoke about the possibility of referees destroying the club's promotion dream.

He said: "I didn't want my football people coming out to speak today.

"It's an unusual decision, but a decision

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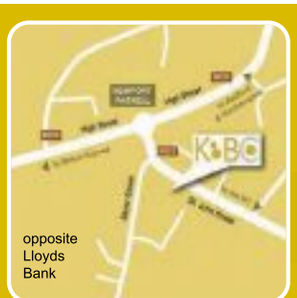

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